

claiming relatives will furnish their support.

It was two weeks ago when Mrs. Gillard first reported to Mr. Chaloner the cruellest she endured at the hands of her husband. Saturday, Sunday and again Monday morning she was beaten and it was on the latter date that she decided to take her children and flee.

The two boys were at school. Reaching "The Merry Mills," Mrs. Gillard entered the dining-room and there awaited Mr. Chaloner.

"I was terrified when my husband entered first," she says in her description of what happened. "I knew by the flash in his eye that he meant to take me with him, and I determined not to go. One of the children, Elsie, two years old, was sitting in front of the fireplace. Dorothy, eleven years old, was near the front window, and the other children stood near the door. My husband took the poker and rushed toward me. I tried to shield the baby, but he knocked me to the floor. I threw up my hands to receive the blows, and he struck me time and again. I don't see how I endured it."

Husband Earned.

Gillard's arm was upraised when Mr. Chaloner entered. The latter raised "Wife-beater" as he ran to her protection, and this seemed to enrage the apparently half mad husband, who, desisted in his attack upon the woman to turn his attention to a foe who seemed determined on defense.

The statement of Ernie Money is that if the bullet which killed Gillard had passed through his head it would have struck him (Money) in the face. George Grady had been sent to secure cords with which to bind Gillard, and was not present at the shooting.

One incident of the tragedy is that while Gillard was sufficing to free himself Mr. Chaloner faced him with the statement, "I will have you sent to Charlottesville to-morrow, and if there is a law in Virginia you will go to the penitentiary for this crime."

After Gillard's body had been stretched on the floor, the wife, before leaving the room, exclaimed, "This is the best, and if he's dead there's nothing lost. No one knows what I have gone through with at his hands."

Immediately after the death Magistrate Williams of New York, who was not for, but Mr. Money, the messenger, told of the details and was told by the officer: "I'll hold an inquest to-morrow. That will be time enough. I have no idea Mr. Chaloner will attempt to escape."

Kept Guard Over Victim.

The room in which the crime was committed was left undisturbed until the arrival of the officers to-day. The body was not touched, and all through the night Mr. Chaloner sat as guard over the body of his victim. There was no other person in the house.

"To test my nerve," says Chaloner, "and to see whether I am the insane man the New York courts regard me. I went several times to look at the distorted figure. I realized fully the circumstances, and I knew how ghastly such a scene would appear to the outside world. I did not feel that I was a murderer, although I expected yesterday to be taken to the Charlottesville jail, and there to be tried for a crime, in which conviction leads to the electric chair."

The sensational killing of Gillard occurred within twenty-four hours after Mr. Chaloner had given an interview to the writer of this New York ink. Chaloner's body remained where it fell until late this afternoon. Attorney A. D. Babney, of Charlottesville, arrived here shortly before the coroner's inquest at 10 o'clock, was sent for by Mr. Chaloner on the evening of the shooting. Dr. Mann Page, of Cobham, who is one of the Virginia authorities on the sanity of the former inmate of Broomfield, and Dr. Frank Truman, of Keswick, his family physician, were present at the inquest on his request.

It took but five minutes to reach a verdict of accidental killing. The jury had been in the room in which the killing took place.

At the time of the inquest the room still showed evidences of the great struggle. The woman's hat was in one corner of the room, and hairpins were scattered about the floor. The body was bent from the blows, and bloody and contained clumps of hair. Mrs. Gillard showed evidences of her treatment. Her head was badly cut in many places, and her clothes were torn. The inquest was held by her husband had frequently mistreated her, and that whenever she tried to escape to seek protection he would overtake her and force her to return. She was now in the room in which he charged the pistol in an effort to kill her, and others testified to the fact. Her fourteen-year-old son, who was present at the tragedy, said that his mother had determined to kill his mother, and that she had succeeded but for Mr. Chaloner.

The Verdict.

The jury, consisting of substantial farmers, made a searching investigation, and came to the conclusion that the decision that death was due to accident, which occurred during an effort to save the life of Mrs. Gillard. The official verdict follows:

"An inquest taken at 'The Merry Mills,' in the county of Albemarle, Va., on this 15th day of March, in the year 1909, before Magistrate Q. L. Williams, coroner of Albemarle county, upon a view of the body of John Gillard there lying dead."

"The jurors sworn to inquire, how and by what means the said John Gillard came to his death, upon their oaths do say that John Gillard came to his death on the 15th day of March, 1909, by the accidental discharge of a revolver in the hands of himself and the said John Gillard during a quarrel between him and the said John Gillard, and that the said John Gillard, when he, the said Chaloner, was in good faith attempting to prevent him, the said Gillard, from shooting his wife. The said Chaloner is exonerated from all blame in the matter of the death of the said John Gillard."

Will Help His Case.

"Thank God that it was Mr. Chaloner's remark when the verdict was read out by Foreman Williams in his presence. 'This will do me case in

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Our new Spring styles are marching in and marching out. This is not a store house, but a clearing house. Few goods carried over from one season to another.

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MEN & BOYS' OUTFITTERS

New York good. I will be glad to have my relatives know, since I have killed a man, that the act was committed in the defense of a helpless woman. This case should prove more than any thing else that I am able to take care of my affairs in any way.

A singular thing is that the standing clock in the hall at "The Merry Mills," which has kept exact time for many months, and which was fixed by Gillard, stopped almost to the minute of the time he was killed. The clock is a handsome one, and was made by Thomas Ayres, a celebrated London clockmaker. Mr. Chaloner says he bought it years ago, and that it was one of the many things that went wrong during the trial.

Gillard's body will be buried at 4 o'clock to-morrow afternoon in the graveyard at Crismont Church, several miles from Cobham. To-night the body in a handsome coffin, purchased by Mr. Chaloner, reposed in his house.

"He Died Game."

"I have bought a piece of ground, which I have dedicated to the dead man," he says, "and I will erect a handsome monument, on which I will have inscribed: John Gillard, March 17, 1909. He died game."

Gillard was thirty-six years old, and is described as having been a man of powerful physique. He weighed about 200 pounds. His mustache and hair were slightly auburn. The general opinion expressed in the neighborhood is that his death is not a misfortune, as he had always been ready to quarrel at the slightest provocation.

Mr. Chaloner said to-night that the surviving members of his family will be well cared for until he can arrange to send them back to England.

Mrs. Gillard says she sold a farm in England and furnished money to bring the family to America. "If an anxious man, I am sure," she says, "and once there I can secure aid in raising the children."

Two of the seven children in America are Gillard's by a former marriage. An eighth child, a son, is now a resident of Cornwall. Mrs. Gillard when she married the victim of Monday's tragedy was a widow.

After the second time after the husband's return from Australia, where he was a miner, and where his first wife died. She refuses to discuss her past family history.

Chaloner Composed.

Mr. Chaloner, even though he had not eaten a morsel during the day, and had spent the night before without sleep, appeared composed to-night, even more so than on Sunday, when he told The Times-Dispatch reporter of his future movements in his New York case.

The blood spots, which are now the only visible signs of Monday's scene, will be preserved as a memento, and instructions have been given not to wash them out. The spots cover a square foot, and are about a yard from the body in the northwest corner of the room.

"I shall read and write night after night," says Mr. Chaloner, "and will realize all the time that in this room I have killed a man, not brutally, but in a just cause, and it will be great satisfaction to know that he was more responsible for the act than myself."

Mr. Chaloner gives the following brief outline of the events of his life: "It makes me sad to think of Gillard's death, and the horror of it all. A giant in strength and as brave as a lion. The life of such a being as that being ended by a bullet from a 32 Smith & Wesson self-action revolver striking him purely by accident. Immediately over his left temple, and he was dead before he hit the floor."

"Though it is sad to think of this, I cannot help but see the high Alpine crag of the drama of life and death breaking through it, which is thus added to a life at the height of its prime, forty-six years, which has been a series, so to speak, of Alpine mountain peaks of excitement from school-boy days at Tom Brown's Rugby, at England, following up with the military academy from 19 to 14 at Oseining-on-Hudson, where I organized a revolution successfully and by a well organized band of powerful boys, fifteen in number, so to speak, military strategem of position, imprudently in the balance of the school of forty-five boys, among whom there were many larger than any of us. Then the excitement of a university career at Columbia."

"This same peculiar estimate of the gray matter of my patch of hair is one of the causes of the breach between me and my wife."

"BABY MINE"

Becoming a mother should be a source of joy, but the suffering incident to the ordeal makes its anticipation one of dread. Mother's Friend is the only remedy which relieves women of much of the pain of maternity; this hour, dreaded as woman's severest trial, is not only made less painful, but danger is avoided by its use. Those who use this remedy are no longer despondent or gloomy; nervousness, nausea and other distressing conditions are overcome, and the system is prepared for the coming event. "It is worth its weight in gold," says many who have used it. Buy your bottle at drug stores, or by mail to all countries.

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JOHN ARMSTRONG CHALONER. Library, Where Killing Was Done.

GILLARD WORKED ONCE IN THIS CITY

Known for His Brutality, and Charitable People Helped His Family.

Gillard, who was killed by John Armstrong Chaloner, reached the United States fifteen months ago, and came at once to this city. Even though he spent only a short while here, the few people who came to know him were not favorably impressed. He succeeded in a very short while in establishing for himself a reputation for cruelty and viciousness. He is also known to have been a hard drinker and a poor provider for his family. Their plight led kindhearted people to take an interest in them and to assist him in getting work. When the family arrived they had between \$50 and \$100 in money. He soon went through with this, and was pawning what little jewelry his wife had when the charitable people came to their assistance. The trinkets were taken from the pawnshop, and he was placed in a position at the American Locomotive Works as a mechanic.

He held this position until he was laid off on account of the financial panic. Again his family were in great need. The same people came to his assistance and obtained for him a job on one of the large farms in Albemarle county. There he at first made himself very useful, turning his knowledge of mechanics to good account by installing private water works and attending to the farm machinery.

He had not been there long, however, when he again began to behave badly, drinking heavily and frequently beating his wife severely. The owner was finally obliged to drive him from the place. From there he moved to a smaller farm nearby, and later to "The Merry Mills" estate in the employment of Mr. Chaloner. Every where he had the reputation for extreme brutality, and was a source of continual annoyance to his employers and neighbors.

Gillard said that he had been attracted to Virginia by the large tract of land at his home by Commissioner of Agriculture G. W. Kolner. According to the story told on his arrival, he was an expert with the steam shovel, and that he came from a family of mechanics. He said also that he had a son working as engineer in the yards at Crewe, England. The members of his wife's family, he said, had long handled horses at the racetracks and for private persons in the old country. There were seven children in the family when they arrived here.

Approaching Marriage.

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ENGLAND LEARNS GERMAN PROGRAM

Sensation Sprung in Parliament When Naval Measures Are Discussed.

LONDON, March 15.—A dramatic revelation by Reginald McKenna, First Lord of the Admiralty, in Parliament to-day of Germany's extraordinary development in her capacity to build big battleships rapidly seems likely to mark a crisis in Great Britain's naval history. It is certain that the revelation will arouse and alarm the country as to the possibility of England's maintaining naval supremacy. Its effect was immediately felt in the House of Commons.

Immediately the debate on the navy estimates was concluded a hurried meeting was called of the members of the House representing the "small navy" party, at which the situation thus unexpectedly revealed was anxiously debated. No decision was arrived at, but the speeches showed that little more will be heard of the subject so far as the navy is concerned. The House representing the "small navy" will be strongly urged by the majority of the members of their own party to make the "condition" program for the new policy of Dreadnoughts an absolute building program.

It comes, as Mr. Balfour pointed out in his speech, which greatly impressed the House, a question not maintaining a two-power standard, but of maintaining a one-power standard for all ships.

Crisis at Hand.

"I am forced," said Mr. Balfour, "to the conclusion that now, for the first time in modern history, we are face to face with a naval situation so new and so dangerous that it is difficult for us to realize all its importance."

Mr. Balfour declared that, according to his information, which he challenged Mr. McKenna to refute, Germany had laid down last year eight Dreadnoughts and that she was several months in advance of her program. If Germany continued at the same pace, she would have twenty-five Dreadnoughts in 1912, while the British fleet would have only twenty-five Dreadnoughts.

Mr. McKenna questioned these figures, being beyond Germany's constructive power, but Mr. Balfour retorted that it was difficult to discover what the Germans were going to do.

The sensation caused by the debate is reflected in all the editorials this morning. The prospect of a new naval race between the Liberal and the Conservative parties is being justified by the government's program as adequate, but apparently inadequate to the situation. The matter was warmly discussed in the lobby of the House, and the very general opinion was held that the government would be obliged in the autumn to produce fresh estimates for one or two "conditional" Dreadnoughts.

TARIFF BILL TO-DAY

Payne Will Introduce It Soon After House Convenes.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 15.—The Payne tariff bill will be introduced in the House to-morrow soon after the House convenes. In the meantime the bill will be printed.

At a meeting of the subcommittee of Republican members held to-day after Speaker Cannon had appointed the committee on Ways and Means, several changes in the bill were agreed to. The meeting was for the purpose of securing the approval of the new Republican member, Representative Cushman, of Washington, who had no knowledge of the provisions of the bill.

Mr. Cushman represents on the committee that section of the bill which relates to the tariff on iron and steel. He is a member of the Ways and Means Committee to make no change in the tariff affecting these manufactures. This was decided upon here when representatives of the various interests of the States named unanimously adopted resolutions to that effect.

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A HARD CASE

Imagine a man so low with kidney disease that he had to sit up night and day. He even had to sleep sitting up, being unable to lay in his bed or stand on his feet. Yet such was the final condition of W. R. Marquis, the well-known business man of Barlow, Fla.

He went to a sanitarium in Memphis, where he was attended by three physicians. They gave up the case and advised that he go home.

On his return he heard of and sent for the new emollient treatment.

The fourth week the heart and dropsy began to mend, and the fourth month he was walking all over the town without cane or crutches, and he permits this reference.

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Dickinson, and will continue to have charge of affairs relating to the organized branch of the army, as well as the affairs of the organized militia. The general was appointed from New York.

O'BRIEN REMAINS

Another Post Than Tokyo To Be Found for Struck.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., March 15.—Ambassador O'Brien, at Tokyo, will remain in Japan until the Secretary of Commerce and Labor Oscar Straus will be appointed to some other embassy. Senators Smith and Burrows, of Michigan, requested the retention of Mr. O'Brien.

WARNEY PLEADS GUILTY

Former Bank Cashier Gets Five Years in Penitentiary.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., March 15.—Pleading guilty to an indictment returned by the Federal grand jury charging him with the embezzlement of \$50,000 of the funds of the First National Bank of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, cashier of that institution, was sentenced to five years in the Federal prison at Atlanta, Ga., in the United States Circuit Court.

The discovery of the shortage was made on December 15 last by National Bank of Portsmouth, N. H., and the time Varney admitted the shortage, and said that his irregularities extended over six years, and were caused by a "small" error in the ledger. Herbert W. Allen, who vacated the position of cashier on February 25, charged with the default of \$10,000 from the Woodville National Bank, pleaded not guilty to-day to the grand jury indictment, and his case was continued until June. He is at liberty on bond of \$1,000.

MONSTER COMPANY

It Is Organized as the Successor to Southern Steel.

NEW YORK, March 15.—The Southern Iron and Steel Company was incorporated at Trenton, N. J., to-day with \$1,000,000 of authorized capital, 600 common stock, as the successor of the Southern Steel Company, an Alabama corporation, which went into a receivership last year.

The incorporators are: D. G. Bolessevain, Carl M. Ower, W. R. Saintsbury, William B. Denton and K. K. McLaren. The capital stock is divided into 600,000 shares of \$10,000,000 bonds, in addition to the \$1,000,000 stock. It is expected that the Southern Iron and Steel Company will have the consent of the Southern Steel Company at the foreclosure sale, with the consent of the reorganization committee.

GOING TO WASHINGTON

Textile Operators Will Combat Any Injunction to Restrict Tariff.

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